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July 23, 2003

VIA HAND DELIVERY

Hon. Deborah Taylor Tate
Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

Re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, L.L.C. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.*
Docket No. 03-00448

Dear Chairman Tate:

Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, MCImetro Access Transmission Services, L.L.C. and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. are hereby submitting to the Tennessee Regulatory Authority the original and fourteen copies of the attached Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated June 17, 2002. The Amendment adds additional rates for line splitting to the Agreement.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,



Guy M. Hicks

cc: Vice President, Eastern Telco Line Cost, MCImetro Access Transmission Services, L.L.C.
Vice President & Chief Network Counsel, WorldCom, Inc.
Carrier Agreements, MCI WorldCom, Inc.
Commercial Counsel, MCI WorldCom, Inc.

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
Nashville, Tennessee

In re: *Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement Negotiated by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and MCImetro Access Transmission Services, L.L.C. Pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996*

Docket No. 03-00448

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF THE
AMENDMENT TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
NEGOTIATED BETWEEN BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES, L.L.C.
PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

COME NOW, MCImetro Access Transmission Services, L.L.C. ("MCImetro Access") and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., ("BellSouth"), and file this request for approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement dated June 17, 2002 (the "Amendment") negotiated between the two companies pursuant to Sections 251 and 252 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, (the "Act"). In support of their request, MCImetro Access and BellSouth state the following:

1. MCImetro Access and BellSouth have successfully negotiated an agreement for interconnection of their networks, the unbundling of specific network elements offered by BellSouth and the resale of BellSouth's telecommunications services to MCImetro Access. The Interconnection Agreement was approved by the Tennessee Regulatory Authority ("TRA") on August 19, 2002.
2. The parties have recently negotiated an Amendment to the Agreement which adds additional rates for line splitting to the Agreement. A copy of the Amendment is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

3. Pursuant to Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, MCImetro Access and BellSouth are submitting their Amendment to the TRA for its consideration and approval. The Amendment provides that either or both of the parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the TRA for approval.

4. In accordance with Section 252(e) of the Act, the TRA is charged with approving or rejecting the negotiated Amendment between BellSouth and MCImetro Access within 90 days of its submission. The Act provides that the TRA may only reject such an agreement if it finds that the agreement or any portion of the agreement discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement or the implementation of the agreement or any portion of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity.

5. MCImetro Access and BellSouth aver that the Amendment is consistent with the standards for approval.

6. Pursuant to Section 252(i) of the Act, BellSouth shall make the Agreement available upon the same terms and conditions contained therein.

MCImetro Access and BellSouth respectfully request that the TRA approve the Amendment negotiated between the parties.

This 23rd day of July, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

By: _____

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**AMENDMENT
TO THE
AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MCIMETRO ACCESS TRANSMISSION SERVICES LLC
AND
BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
DATED JUNE 17, 2002**

Pursuant to this Amendment, (the "Amendment"), MCImetro Access Transmission Services LLC ("MCIm"), and BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth"), hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties," hereby agree to amend that certain Tennessee Interconnection Agreement between the Parties dated June 17, 2002 ("Agreement") and shall be deemed effective as of thirty (30) calendar days after the date of the final signature on this document.

WHEREAS, BellSouth and MCIm entered into the Agreement on June 17, 2002, and;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual provisions contained herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby covenant and agree as follows:

1. The Parties agree to amend the Interconnection Agreement by adding UNE Line Splitting Rates contained in Exhibit 1 to Attachment 1 Table 1.
2. All of the other provisions of the Agreement, dated June 17, 2002, shall remain in full force and effect.
3. Either or both of the Parties is authorized to submit this Amendment to the respective state regulatory authorities for approval subject to Section 252(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Signature Page

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement the day and year written below.

BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.

By: 

Name: ELIZABETH R. A. HARDISON

Title: DIRECTOR

Date: 6/11/03

**MCImetro Access Transmission
Services, Inc.**

By: 

Name: Marcel Henry

Title: Vice-President, National Contract
and Carrier Management

Date: 6/9/03

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

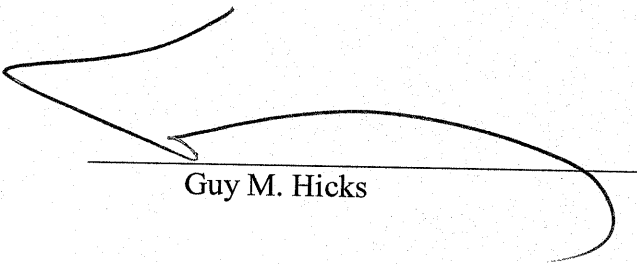
I, Guy M. Hicks, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing Petition for Approval of the Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement on the following via United States Mail on the 22nd day of July, 2003:

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